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The view of Eagle Village from across Route 1. Students will be moving into the Eagle Landing Apartments in August 2010. The BOV recently decided to make the new apartments about \$1,000 cheaper for next year.

Campus Living to Increase 9%; Eagle Landing Price Lowered

By ANGELA CUNEO
Staff Writer

Next year, an underclassman living in a dorm with the least expensive meal plan, will pay at least \$8,000. That is over \$500 more than this year.

Similarly, a junior living in Eagle Landing with the least expensive meal plan will pay just over \$7,700 next year.

During the February Board of Visitors meeting, the University of Mary Washington proposed an increase in the rates for housing and meal plans for the 2010-2011 school year. This increase consisted of a nine percent change from the 2009-2010 school year in housing.

"As with most things, it is not unusual for the room price to increase. The cost of operating the halls have gone up - electricity, water, staffing - and it makes sense that the cost would keep pace with those increases," Director of Residence Life Chris Porter said.

UMW has also proposed three new meal plans, the 275 Block Plan, the 225 Block Plan, and the 150 Block Plan. The Super Meal Plan

and the 5 Block Meal Plan have also gained more flex per semester. As a result, the University will remove the current Unlimited 9 Meal Plan, the 15 Meal plan and the 9 Meal plan. The proposed new meal plans are more expensive than the previous ranging from \$4,712 to \$1,164 as opposed to \$4,358 to \$1,108.

However, despite the changes taking place, some students on campus don't seem to mind. Porter said she does not believe that the price increases will affect the number of students living on-campus.

"We have more contracts this year than ever before, so, I do not believe it has had a detrimental impact on student desire to live on-campus," Porter said.

In an attempt to compensate for increases in prices, UMW has also offered a special discount in the new apartment complex, Eagle Landing.

"Based on the feedback we have received from students, the decision has been made to operate the complex at a loss and do a one-time rate reduction. We recognize that the economy has made it difficult for everyone

and want to make sure that those who wish to live in Eagle Landing have the opportunity to do so," according to the UMW Web site.

The current Eagle Landing Rates are \$2,975 per semester (\$5,950 total) for an Eagle Landing Double for the academic year and \$3,472 per semester (\$6,950) for an Eagle Landing Double for 12 months. These prices do not include meal plans.

The previous Eagle Landing rates were set as a 9-month Double being \$6,900 and a 12-month Double as \$8,000.

Despite plans to raise housing prices, some students are content with living on-campus.

Tom Kearney, a junior at UMW was happy about this price reduction.

"I wanted to live in Eagle Village with my friends, but it was too expensive, so I was going to have to stay in the Apartments," Kearney said. However, with the reduction, Tom was able to afford to live in the new complex.

Even with the price reductions, Eagle Landing is more expensive than the UMW

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University Prepares for 2013 Reaccreditation

By LINDLEY ESTES
Staff Writer

After the work of this semester is done and the last exam is graded and entered into the system, each office and department at the University of Mary Washington will begin a concerted effort to prepare for the 2013 accreditation.

Every 10 years UMW is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The school was most recently reaffirmed in 2003 with minimal recommendations for change by SACS. Since UMW had recently changed from a college to a university, one of the main recommendations at the time was to make sure all publications had the appropriate designation of 'university' printed.

Another concern was the separation between the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses. SACS was interested in seeing a real university community between the two.

All criteria were met by the end of 2004. SACS informed the university in January 2005 that they were satisfied and the customary additional reports detailing steps taken were not necessary.

Provost Jay Harper, who is in charge of the whole operation, is optimistic that this accreditation will go as smoothly as the last.

"There is no alarm for negativity," Harper said. The first order of business is the SACS compliance report. Submitted at least 15 months in ad-

vance, the compliance report demonstrates that the institution meets Core Requirements, Comprehensive Standards and Federal Requirements as required by SACS. Timothy O'Donnell, communications professor and director of debate, was appointed self-study director for the compliance report.

The self study is an intensive look at the university's operations. Each department will report on their operations. The whole institution will participate in the accreditation and every operation will be scrutinized by SACS.

A steering committee composed of sub-committee chairs, to be appointed in May, will work during the following academic year to judge institutional effectiveness for the self study. They will also be partially responsible for creating the compliance report between January and August 2012.

"A self-reflection review is valuable," Harper said. "You learn things about yourself. It's hard to put a price on what you learn from introspection."

In 2004, SACS added a new criterion, the Quality Enhancement Plan, which now makes up the other half of the university's responsibilities for the reaffirmation. The QEP was not required for schools reaffirmed in 2003 and is a new procedure for the university. The QEP affects students more than other areas of the accreditation. It is a report that de-



Photo by Lindley Estes

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Audit Targets UMW Official

By JESSICA MASULLI
Staff Writer

In response to allegations that officials in the technology department did not appropriately follow Virginia laws when purchasing computer software, the University of Mary Washington recently held a training session for top administrators on contract procedures for buying goods and services.

The allegations, outlined in a Dec. 15, 2009 audit report through the confidential state employee fraud, waste and abuse hotline, said that Khalil Yazdi, chief information officer and vice president for Information Technology and Institutional Research, was not following state guidelines. Yazdi is one of UMW's top administrators.

The allegations against Yazdi were investigated by UMW Director of Internal Audit Terri Kovanes and found to be substantial and in violation of the Virginia Public Procurement Act, the report concluded. The document was provided to the Bullet following a Freedom of Information Act request.

"Dr. Yazdi has invited vendors to demonstrate their software solutions that subsequently were procured without reasonable competition. The above facts gives the appearance of preferential selection of vendors," the audit report, written by Kovanes, said.

In two incidents reviewed, "the invitation to demonstrate software...was limited to one 'qualified' vendor in which Dr. Yazdi had prior business relationships," the report added.

The Virginia Public Procurement Act states "...that all procurement procedures be conducted in a fair and impartial manner."

Yazdi, who joined UMW in August 2008 after working for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education in a similar role, did not wish to comment on the allegations.

Kovanes recommended in her memo that Yazdi learn more about proper procurement procedures.

In response to the allegations, President Judy Hamble investigated the complaint made to the hotline, and then rejected the findings.

"It is my belief that the internal auditor has intentionally attempted—and perhaps succeeded—in undermining the professional standing of Dr. Yazdi in the eyes of the Board, but without any substance to support her conclusions," Hamble said in her response.

Kovanes had no comment on Hamble's response. She said that the Board of Visitors is aware of the audit report.

Hamble also responded by having a procurement training session on March 10 for senior officials, including Yazdi. A representative from the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, an organization that provides information technology for the government, came for the training, according to Kovanes.

According to the audit report, the investigation cost \$12,617.90, at an hourly rate of \$66.41.



By BRYNN BOYER Staff Writer

March 9- UMW police arrested John W. Marshall for violation of a trespass order which barred him from UMW property. Marshall has no affiliation to UMW.

March 10- A student reported a lost cell phone. Police took a report.

March 13- The parent of a UMW student called the UMW police because she had received a call from an unknown female who had found her son's cell phone. The only way the mother could contact her son was via the cell phone. She requested that the UMW police contact her son and tell him to call her. Police notified the student. The incident is not related to the March 10 lost cell phone.

March 13- Someone hit or knocked down the one-way traffic sign at the bottom of Marshall Hill. Police took a report.

March 15- A male student entered the female locker room in Goolrick Hall and started chang-

ing. A female student, who was in the shower at the time, made a complaint of indecent exposure to the UMW police. When police arrived, they found that the male student had entered the locker room by mistake and that he did not have a bad intent in accessing the female locker room. No charges were made.

March 15- Shortly after one a.m., UMW police and Fredericksburg police responded to multiple reports of a woman screaming in the area of Colony Road. When police arrived, the UMW student told them that she was "playing around with her friends." Both Fredericksburg and UMW police completed information reports. UMW police called back those who had initially called in with the reports so that they would not be worried.

March 17- A UMW student reported that a silver blue Schwinn Sierra bike, estimated at a \$280 value, was missing. The bike was located on March 20 in front of Jefferson Hall.

March 17- Two female students were verbally warned for failure to follow a police officer's instructions while the officer was conducting an investigation into a complaint.

March 21- A UMW student broke a window on the second floor of Marshall Hall. The student was referred to the administration.

March 21- UMW police and the Fredericksburg Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the University Apartments. Someone's burned food had set off the fire alarm. No one was injured and nothing was damaged.

March 21- UMW police responded to Alvey Hall because a student was suffering an allergic reaction after eating nuts in a piece of biscotti. The Fredericksburg Rescue Squad took the student to Mary Washington Hospital for treatment.

March 22- Someone threw rocks through a car's window in the Marshall Hall parking lot, breaking a window. The student who owns the car re-

sponded and verified that nothing appeared to be missing from the car. UMW police continue to investigate.

March 22- UMW police responded to a carbon monoxide alert from University Apartments building 1108. Police found that the batteries in the detector had died, causing the alarm. A UMW Facilities Services electrician responded to fix the alarm.

March 22- A student reported a bike missing. The student hasn't seen the bike, which is worth about \$100, since before Winter Break. Police took an information report.

March 22- UMW police and the Fredericksburg Fire Department showed up at Ball Hall responding to a call of the smell of smoke. Smoke was coming from the generator in the basement, though there were no flames. A UMW Facilities Services electrician repaired the generator, after which the UMW police and the fire department left the scene.

Upcoming Grads Hunt for Jobs



Michael Drayer/Bullet

Students at the Employer Fair at UMW's Stafford campus on March 18. Around 200 students showed up for the event.

**By MARY WILKERSON
Staff Writer**

From the Secret Service to Waffle House, the spring 2010 Employer Fair had an assortment of 41 employers at the Stafford Campus Thursday, March 18. The event was only open to UMW undergraduate and graduate students.

The Employer Fair offered students an opportunity to speak directly with potential employers and circulate their resumes.

"It's really scary," senior Brittany Adams said about trying to find a job. "Even though I am intimidated, I am trying."

The fair was active, but not overly crowded, with around 60 students present at any one time and a total of 200 students participating. Several key tables had lines for the majority of the fair, including the Department of Homeland Security, Geico and the Peace Corps. Other tables were notably deserted, such as Waffle House, Cellular Sales Verizon Wireless, and The Vitamin Shoppe.

Alien Science and Technology senior recruiter Bella R. Taylor was at the fair looking for engineering and electrical engineering majors. Taylor described the fair as "a little slow."

"The resume is used for initial attention, but we're looking first and foremost for people skills," National Park Service representative Greg Marty said.

Student reaction to the fair was mixed.

"I was very happy with the size," junior Ryan Lott said. "I went to the last job fair, one that had only government jobs, and it took two and a half hours to get into the building. There were quite a few good employers at this job fair. I got to talk to around 20 potential employers and handed out over 10 resumes in under an hour."

"There was a good variety of schools, government jobs, and some other fields of work," senior David Thompson said. "I think the job fair was helpful. It's always good to get out and talk to employers."

-David Thompson

"It's too small of a location," Kamphaus said. "I didn't see Geico until I was almost out of the door because it was squeezed in between two other tables."

The UMW Office of Career Services sponsors job fairs for students every year.

"I felt good about it," Gary Johnson, director of career services, said. "Student attendance was up, and employer feedback was positive. Some schools were unable to hold job fairs, while we held two."

"Isn't the president supposed to shake our hands and sign our diplo-

Women's History Events On Campus During March

**By KRISTEN KELLEHER
Staff Writer**

If you've ever wanted to watch Chris Rock ask the Rev. Al Sharpton about his hair relaxing treatments, then the University of Mary Washington's Women's History Month will not disappoint you. "Good Hair," a documentary produced by Chris Rock about cultural perceptions of African American hair, will be screened on campus March 31 as part of UMW's month long effort to celebrate Women's History Month.

Also on the itinerary are events like the Black Student Association Fashion Show, a Forum on Undergraduate Research in Women's Studies, and popular performances of *The Vagina Monologues*. The events are all centered on the theme "either you're in or you're out," taken from the reality TV series "America's Next Top Model."

"On the surface, a theme that is reminiscent of popular cultural and television reality shows such as "America's Next Top Model" seems simply fun and perhaps even superficial," said Kristin Marsh, an associate professor of sociology and UMW co-chair of Women's History Month. "But popular culture is one arena through which we see cultural representations reflective of hierarchies of class, race, sexual orientation. Several events this month remind us of the racism, classism and sexism in culturally dominant definitions of femininity and worth."

Jessica Kilday showcased the relevance of this sort of media influence in her presentation for the women's studies research forum, "Feuding the Fairytale, the Contention between Women's Lib and Prescribed Femininity in the *Free Lance-Star*, 1967-1973."

which paralleled the effects of the 1960s and 1970s women's liberation movement with articles from the *Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star*.

Other student presenters have also taken creative approaches to show media influence on consumers like Laura Pilati and Stephanie Combs' "The Costs to be Beautiful: Personal Care Products and How They Transform Our Minds and Bodies."

The March 15 workshop stressed the importance of being an informed consumer, and reviewed ways to become more aware of ingredients found in products like soaps, shampoos and lotions, and the misleading impressions these advertisements can give consumers.

"There's a huge culture of trust in businesses," Pilati said. "It's a presentation to empower women to empower the role of how you can make your own choices."

"The Costs to be Beautiful" also is working to collect donations for the Pads4Girls campaign, which donates feminine hygiene products to young girls and women in Africa, where these supplies are scarce and often cause women to miss school or work.

A raffle will be held on Tuesday, March 23 and Thursday, March 25 in the Eagle's Nest, and all of the proceeds from donations will be given to the Pads4Girls campaign.

In "Pricing Beauty: The Making of Fashion Model," former model Ashley Meier encouraged her audience to become more skeptical of media advertisements, and prompted them to ask questions about the fashion industry's approach to race, body image and how they became what they are today.

Mears, the keynote lecturer and a so-

ciology professor from Boston University, gave a presentation on March 18 detailing her dissertation research working as a model in London and New York and attempting to discover why the editorial fashion industry hired so few models of color.

"Cultural change happens slowly," Mears said, "you see even today with Michele Obama, she's really been picked apart physically by the media...colored women are subject to a level of scrutiny that others aren't."

For the final weeks of March, Women's History Month will be hosting a March 24 screening of the documentary "America the Beautiful," with a discussion by Assistant Dean of Academic Services Elizabeth Searcy to follow the film.

Searcy describes the film as emotional and surprising, noting that she was surprised by "the assertion that since 1977, any medical doctors can practice plastic surgery. Also, Roberts [the writer and director of the documentary] draws a correlation between women gaining the right to vote and the Miss America pageant. There are just so many layers to this discussion."

Lecturer Caroline Weber will deliver a speech about the life of Marie Antoinette on March 25, and on March 26, Amy Malinowsky will perform in 36:24:36.

The keynote performance addresses issues of body image and eating disorders, and is based on the real-life experiences of the eight writers of the play. Chris Rock's documentary, "Good Hair," will be the final event for UMW's Women's History Month on March 31.

Hurley Will Shake Seniors' Hands at Commencement

**By EMMA CARONE
Staff Writer**

With the recent announcement that President Judy Hamble will be resigning as of April 1, many seniors are left wondering how this will affect the rapidly approaching Graduation Ceremony.

Hamble, who originally announced that she would be resigning as of July 1, will be leaving office just 38 days before the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 8.

"Isn't the president supposed to shake our hands and sign our diplo-

mas?" senior Cassie Kollman asked, echoing the voices of her classmates who are worried about graduation proceedings.

Last week, the Board of Visitors announced that Rick Hurley will replace Judy Hamble as acting president after her resignation, until June 30. Hurley, who previously held office as acting president from May 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, is no stranger to graduation ceremonies, and has announced that he will be shaking hands with the students.

Some students, however, are more upset than confused.

"I'll shake everyone's hand. I love Mary Washington. I care about our class. And, I've been here for four years. That's more than any of our recent presidents can say," senior Natalie McElroy said.

Along with the presidential changes, the ceremony this year is set to expect several other changes. Jay Harper, provost, will be handling the event this year for the first time.

According to Harper, graduation was given to him to oversee this year in order to stress the importance of acade-

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Student Loans, Health Care and Congress—Oh My!

In the wake of the nation's most controversial legislative move in years, one addendum to the bill was overlooked—until this week.

The addendum to the current health care bill actually has nothing to do with health care and everything to do with financial aid at colleges and universities across the nation.

It in essence would get rid of the "middle men" the banks that receive money from the federal government and give that money to institutes of higher education for students applying for federal education loans, according to the *Washington Post*.

If the bill passes, a student applying for a loan would participate in a direct federal lending process through their college or university upon matriculation, and their loan would simply be held by the federal government.

This means that students who currently have loans would need to resign their master promissory notes (the legal agreement a student signs with a lender accepting student loan funds) in a timely fashion in order to keep receiving federal loans, which may seem inconvenient and potentially problematic at first glance.

However, several students have received letters in recent months saying that their loans have been sold from bank to bank, finally ending up in the hands of the federal government. This can be even more confusing and unsettling for students than the prospect of redoing

some of the steps in the loan process seems to be.

The *Washington Post* reported that billions of dollars of federal money previously going to private financial institutions would now go to increased Pell Grants, which are grants given (not loaned) to needy students who can't

pay for their education.

This is also beneficial, because some of these banks are now jumping

into the private loans sector, relieving the fierce competition for private loans that have diminished with the damaged economy. Before, when students and parents would apply for private loans, they would often be rejected due to credit problems from the five years prior to the date of their loan application.

Now, with the banks in the private loan sector, the rate of rejection and the likelihood of needing a cosigner (which can sometimes be disastrous) will lessen.

Bills often have addendums like these that the public doesn't know about. This particular one, however, has come to the forefront because of the direct and beneficial impact it has on the lives of all students nationwide, including those who attend UMW.

Despite the controversial nature of the health care bill, this addendum reminds us all that legislation isn't always as it seems. No matter how we feel about a national health care system, something good will come of this.

Staff Editorial

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A Student's Opinion on the Changing of the Guard

Dear everyone who cares about Mary Washington,

Given the number of presidents we have had at UMW in the past four years, I feel like this school is an African banana republic. With our current President leaving, there is a power vacuum in our school. That is why I think we, students and faculty, should use this opportunity to take over. A coup d'etat, if you will. It would certainly eliminate the disappointment that comes with being involved in student government.

Dispersed among the lot of us, we have the credentials. The psychology department already runs CAPS. The economics and business departments can work together to create a balanced budget. The political science department can exercise their diplomatic skills by meeting with big donors. The international affairs department can manage the school's policies regarding international students. The biology and chemistry departments can manage our sanitation problems while the physics department can analyze the structural safety of the buildings on campus.

With an extra \$330,000 in our yearly budget (plus the cost of trips to Dubai), perhaps we could give the faculty the raise they've deserved for the past three years. Let's give the staff, who work in the wee hours of the morning to ensure the beauty and cleanliness of our campus buildings and grounds, a wage that they can actually live on. Reform our policies to eliminate the bureaucracy surrounding student activities, which even the administrators in OSACS hate, so students can actually start clubs, put on events and get the equipment they need to actually enjoy being a part of student life.

Consult with administrators and students before implementing policy changes that leave half of the sophomore class encumbered any time they want to go on campus outside of class hours. Give the students who work for the university more of a reward for giving back to their school than a cut in their financial aid. Implement policy reforms – gender-neutral housing, sensible drug policies,

sweatshop-free UMW merchandise – that administrators are too chickens**t to admit are good ideas.

Stop paying Sodexo to extort money from students and to use our facilities to provide bad food. Open our food services to multiple companies that don't make their money contracting with prisons. Or, if we must work with Sodexo, mandate that they recognize a union of the food service workers so the workers don't have to work two part-time jobs with no benefits.

Reform our policies so students hurting themselves with drugs get help rather than punishment when their friends call the police in an emergency. There should be no deterrents for students to get the help they need when they want to pursue it. And speaking of student health, create a single-payer healthcare plan so students can get health insurance at an affordable rate.

Provide Plan B emergency contraception at a reduced rate. For those students who get pregnant and want to have the child, give them maternity and paternity leave, and provide childcare services for their children when they come back to school.

Why should students pay \$200 for a parking pass if they can't even find parking on campus?

Make student parking passes universal and open all lots for anyone with any parking pass. The faculty can park anywhere in the city anyway.

Teach professors how to use Blackboard to meet students' needs rather than inundating them with all the cool features that nobody would ever use. Now that we have Starfish to schedule appointments with professors, allow professors to determine their own office hours rather than sitting in their office for an hour waiting on nobody. Allow professors to designate time to their classes by allowing professors to determine their own course loads.

We have the power because we have the numbers. Let's reclaim Mary Washington for those who make this university great!

Sincerely,
Mike Isaacson

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Interviews: Good Ways to Gain Job Experience

I just bought my first suit jacket.

I felt like a "grown up" as I tried it on with a black pencil skirt at Ann Taylor Loft. Unfortunately, my face still looked like a high schooler. I even had chipped nail polish and had my hair up in a messy bun.

The process of getting ready for your first job interviews can be stressful and uncertain.

You don't always know what you are getting into. You don't know what kind of company you're interviewing for or what type of person will be asking you the questions. I have worked a few retail jobs and done internships, but I had never been through an interview for a full-time job until last week.

I interviewed for two jobs on Wednesday, and while one of the places sounds like it could be a good opportunity, the other was what my parents would call "practice for other interviews."

The first red flag was that they were blasting the hit music station in the reception room as I filled out a form and waited for my name to be called.

The second came when the application asked where I had gone to high school and whether or not I had graduated. I knew this was not the place for me when the guy interviewing me called one of the other applicants "sweetie," and when I learned that my first few weeks would be spent going door-to-door; offering people a free gift from a major

newspaper in return for their contact information.

From that interview, I learned the importance of doing more than a Google search before applying anywhere. The pay was decent, but a lot of it was commission based. That can be scary when the only sale you've ever pitched was for

Vera Bradley bags and stationary at a store in the mall. Even that wasn't commission based.

But both the scariest and the best interview I have ever had was for a Fall internship last year. The woman asked me a lot of questions that made me stop and think, and in the end she got to know me through more than what was written on my resume and cover letter. I drew from my experiences working with deadlines and other people. While those things might be briefly mentioned on paper, I was allowed to explain them in an interview setting.

Scary as they may initially seem, interviews can help to make up for what you lack on that sheet of paper. Maybe you don't have as many internships as another applicant, but if you can confidently show the interviewer that you know what they need and you're here to offer it, you can be hired.

Though you may not always want the job you are applying for, use the interview time to gain experience. That way, you can be prepared for the job that you do want.

Now, if I could only actually look like I'm 22.

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UNEMPLOYED
FEMALE



By Emilie Begin

PRISM Voices Thoughts About Sexual Identity

Nearly everyone holds an opinion regarding the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community. Regardless of what you believe, reading or listening to the perspectives of people that you know and can attach a face to is likely to have an effect on those beliefs in some shape or form.

This week, I wanted to take the focus off my advice and commentary because I believe your voice should be heard. I posed the question, "What is one thing you want straight people to know about your sexual identity or gender expression?" to members of PRISM. Hopefully, this compilation of thought-provoking quotes gives you some insight into what your peers' thoughts and feelings are on what it means to be a member of the LGBT community. I also included some quotes from famous and/or historic sources to add to the greater perspective.

Sexclamations
By Erin Hill
Columnist

"I'd rather be black than gay, because when you're black you don't have to tell your mother." ~Charles Pierce, 1980

"Bisexual people are not greedy." ~ Emily Butler, UMW Freshman

"From the time I was a kid, I have never been able to understand attacks upon the gay community. There are so many qualities that make up a human being... by the time I get through with all the things that I really admire about people, what they do with their private parts is probably so low on the list that it is irrelevant." ~Paul Newman

"Sexuality is a beautiful thing, and essentially, it is about falling in love. Bisexuality just means you can fall in love with twice the people." ~Tekla Taylor, UMW Freshman

"Who would give a law to lovers? Love is unto itself a higher law." ~Boethius, The Consolation of Philosophy, A.D. 524

"Lesbians aren't just flannel-wearing butch women. Lesbians are a community of diverse women who have a variety of interests, appearances, gender expressions and ways of loving." ~Becca Zoller, UMW Junior

"Everybody's journey is individual. If you fall in love with a boy, you fall in love with a boy. The fact that many Americans consider it a disease says more about them than it does about homosexuality." ~James Baldwin

"What is straight? A line can be straight, or a street, but the human heart, oh, no, it's curved like a road through mountains." ~Tennessee Williams, A Streetcar Named Desire, 1947

"I want people to know that being bisexual does not mean you're promiscuous, is not just a 'phase' and does not mean you can't make up your mind. It's just as legitimate as any other sexuality." ~Haley Campbell, UMW Freshman

"I am not a 'label'... no matter how you describe me, it doesn't encompass all that I am." ~Leah Yegneswaran, UMW Freshman

Special thanks to Tekla Taylor for collecting responses to my question at this past week's PRISM meeting. Feel free to attend the PRISM meetings every Monday at 9 p.m. in the Red Room. All are welcome, regardless of whether or not you identify as LGBT.

Viewpoints

Dos and Donts For Meeting "The One"

Do you have a relationship question you'd like Boy Meets Girl to answer? Email us at umwbullet@gmail.com. You might see your question in our next column!

According to Amanda...

Sometimes Facebook Friends Linger Too Long

BY AMANDA BOCCUTI
Columnist

"Amanda,
Please stop deleting your wall. If not for yourself, then for me. It's creepy."

This was a Facebook message from a concerned friend. The same friend who called me a renegade social networker.

The truth is, I am a bit extreme – and not just because I periodically delete all of the posts on my wall.

My relationship with Facebook has always been tumultuous. I resisted it for a good four to five years because I figured anyone who really wanted to stay in touch with me could do so through phone or e-mail.

I finally caved halfway through my sophomore year. In the wake of a breakup with a long-term boyfriend, I had the itching desire to forge a new identity and Facebook seemed to be the way to do it.

Before I knew it, I had upwards of fifty friend requests. In order to avoid having an outrageous friend list, I limited myself to accepting only the requests that had an accompanying message.

Yeah, I know. Ridiculous. Fortunately, I dropped that policy fairly quickly. Still, I wanted to keep my friend list tight. It kind of creeps me out when an acquaintance friend requests me and I'm suddenly privy to all the details of their life.

Despite my hesitations, I got caught up in the whirlwind that is Facebook. Within a few weeks I had multiple photo albums up, what I considered to be a witty personal information section, and a burgeoning friend list.

Then I realized that Facebook not only helps users create an identity but it also encapsulates it. Facebook is in essence a personal archive.

Why is that problematic? I'm the kind of person who likes the way mental memories are sort of blurred at the edges. Facebook documents nearly everything. Cue my massive wall deletion.

Plus, I realized that Facebook was making me feel artificially close to people. Hence my friend list editing. I know it's harsh, but I mean it when I say it's not personal.

For better or for worse, Facebook lets friendships linger longer than they would otherwise. While I love it as a supplement to my relationships with close friends and family, some friendships are supposed to fade.

Instead of filing those friendships away in my mental catalogue and every so often nostalgic thinking back on them, I am constantly reminded by Facebook that I'm not as close to those people as I once was, or that we weren't that close to begin with.

Don't get me wrong, I think Facebook is a great tool, but that doesn't mean I can't enjoy the occasional wall-clearing.

Meeting people. Even with all the opportunities going to school here offers, meeting somebody can be a pretty tall order. Where are you supposed to meet that special someone?

We're going to get one thing out of the way: whenever you brought home from whatever club last weekend isn't likely to be "the one." Let's face it, do you really want your "how we met story" to sound like something from "Texts From Last Night"? Here's how to do it in a way that won't get you a sideways glance from everyone you know.

BAM: This is going to sound pretty obvious, but keep your eyes peeled in all the places YOU like to hang out. If you're an athlete, for instance, or a comic book geek, that cute girl or that nice guy over there in the other aisle at your favorite store obviously has a shared interest. Plus, you've got a good conversation starter just begging for you to use.

KED: Sometimes you have caught the eye of an admirer and just don't know it. This is especially for those of us who perform as an artist or as an athlete, as people have seen what you can do, and more than likely want to get to know you. Talk to the people who compliment your skills—maybe you could offer to show them a thing or two.

BAM: Every now and then, you really can get that lucky. However, I wouldn't hold out for that kind of situation and just hope it falls into your lap. Get out there!

KED: The hardest thing about looking for that someone is keeping your options completely open.

And when I say completely, I mean completely. You never know who might be "the one" for you, and you definitely won't ever find out if you're too picky.

Just because someone made a bad or even terrible first impression doesn't mean you should

wear just anything, do you? It should be the same way for your significant other.

Yes, inevitably there will be caveats, but don't sell yourself so short that you don't get what you want. My old creed? Never settle for anything less than you feel you need and deserve.

KED: As Bryant said earlier, definitely keep your eyes open. Shared interests always get the ball rolling, and even though that might be all you have in common, sometimes that's more than enough. Don't ever change to fit into someone else's life, though. That's just fooling yourself and them, and it's not fair to either one of you.

BAM: Altering yourself is a big no-no, unless what you're cutting are parts that aren't part of your core and are things you can honestly live without. Dishonesty before the relationship even gets started is planting a ticking time bomb.

Be vigilant around campus and in class. You can get pretty good at sizing people up just by observing them, and you might scope out someone you like with something in common. But don't get too wrapped up that you forget to take notes or fall all over yourself. Then again, maybe they'll have read this article and will forgive you spelling your Pepsi all over them.

There are plenty of other ways to meet people. The real secret, though, is to get out there and be you. Simple as that. Spring is in the air, and along with the flowers, it seems relationships also love to bloom. So if you're on the market, go ahead and take a look.

Boy Meets Girl



By Bryant Matera and Kat Dickinson

count them out. They just might have had an off moment or are just too nervous. Always, always, always give them that second chance. It just might pay off.

BAM: Cardinal rule number one: don't close yourself off. But don't be too free, either. I, for one, totally advocate being picky. You don't eat or

Like it or not, a Woman's Right To Choose is Now Here to Stay

By THOMAS BOWMAN
Assistant Viewpoints Editor

Over Spring Break, I found myself on Capitol Hill in the Cannon House Office Building. As I left my congressman's office I struck up a conversation with a lobbyist who wanted to exclude federal funding for abortions from the healthcare bill.

We got into a discussion, albeit a one-sided one, about the merits of such a decision. According to this lobbyist, when most Americans were asked if they want their tax dollars spent on abortions, an overwhelming amount say no. Then he said, "I personally believe Jesus Christ would be appalled to see that abortion funding is even a discussion in our country."

I discovered this lobbyist was passionate about what he was trying to do. He was a father of five, a devoted husband and seemed to be a good man. He was a man representing a small group of people who fervently believe in their cause, not a "fat-cat" lobbyist Obama and other politicians rally against.

Despite his passion, there was a problem with his argument. While he claims most Americans don't want their money being spent on abortions, who is his sample? How many people did they poll from? Was this pool truly random, or only among members of his faith? What was the language or wording of the question posed to them? Important questions to ask when discussing poll figures.

Also, Americans don't get to decide what our taxes pay for. Congress does. In elections, we vote for congressmen who represent our political views,

but even they don't necessarily have the final say on where our tax dollars are spent. There are 535 congressmen, and it is their job to make choices for American citizens.

Come Election Day, the people assert their dominance over congressmen. While we can choose who we want spending our tax dollars, and while we can influence them to vote a certain way, in the end, congress chooses—not us.

When the lobbyist finally paused to breathe, I managed to tell him that I was born and raised a Southern Baptist, and though I'm familiar with my Bible, I can't recall Jesus saying anything about abortion. Personally, I feel abortion is a sad and terrible thing. However, there are circumstances where I believe it should be tolerated, such as in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the mother is at risk.

If this language were to be adopted, it would disproportionately affect the poor lower-class minorities, whose demographics have much higher instances of teen pregnancy and babies born out of wedlock. In all likelihood, these people can't afford the child or can't physically carry a full-term pregnancy because of higher instances of malnourishment.

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To withhold federal funding from the people who need it would negatively impact the lives of countless women. Pregnant girls are pressured to withdraw from their high school. The lucky ones are encouraged to attend an alternative school with programs for young mothers.

Sometimes carrying the baby to term isn't an option. If federal funding for abortion is withheld, it would continue the downward spiral of our innerities and be one more obstacle to escaping the burden of being in the lower-class. The people who can't afford to have the abortion would be forced to either do it themselves, or go ahead with a pregnancy that could be detrimental to the mother's health or livelihood.

The man I spoke with was a very nice person, and his heart was in the right place. I don't want to give the impression that he was unreasonable or blinded by dogma. He was going about changing the legislation in a safe and legal way by trying to influence our nation's congressmen and getting them to see his side of the coin.

He told me, "it's a sad thing that our society has devolved to the point where we feel abortion is acceptable." While I understand where he is coming from, he forgets that we don't have to accept it. However, abortion is here and isn't going away just because federal funding is withheld. Attitudes on abortion must be changed in people's hearts and minds, not through legislation.

One of the beauties of our country is that we have freedom of choice. Teenagers are having sex, whether they understand the consequences or not. Therefore, we need to educate them earlier about methods of contraception and the merits of abstinence. Abortion needs to be an available option to those who choose to use it. Let their personal beliefs guide them in making their decision.

When the option of abortion is available and a young mother chooses not to use it despite the personal cost, she does so of her own free will and personal moral values. The government cannot legislate morality. Rather, it has a responsibility to grant its citizens the freedom to choose. We don't have to like abortion, but we should educate young teens about contraception, abstinence and alternatives to abortion.

Indeed, it is sad and disturbing to terminate the life of an unborn fetus, but we must recognize a woman's right to choose whether or not to do so. While we may not be a fan of abortion, we have no right to force a young girl, raped by her father and pregnant with his child, to endure the humiliation of carrying his baby.

Letter to the Editor: Let Abortion Options All Have a Voice

On the campus of the University of Mary Washington there is a campaign to remove advertisements for local Crisis Pregnancy Centers on the basis that these advertisements are "deceiving women."

Members of the pro-choice club on campus have placed neatly laminated flyers on every table in the campus dining hall and have been going door-to-door as well as around campus asking students to sign a petition requesting the school to put a disclaimer on the advertisements of the Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

Their concerns are that the advertisements offering help for women who are in a crisis pregnancy are misleading, making women believe that they are going to an abortion clinic. They are outraged that these women who are looking for an abortion might accidentally end up in a place where alternatives to abortion are encouraged.

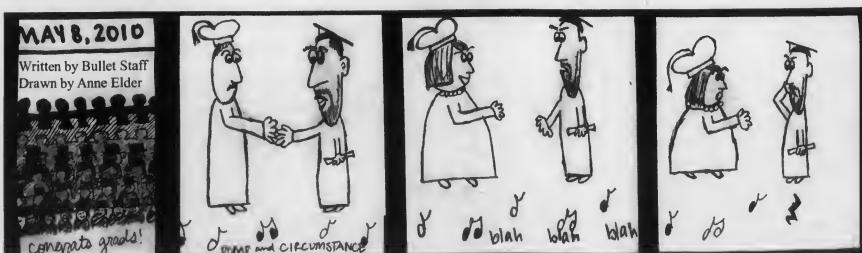
It might just be me, but if you are "pro-choice" doesn't that mean that a place that offers choices would be ideal? What I don't understand is why these people, who claim to defend freedom of choice and freedom of speech, are themselves attacking people who are offering women choices and are repressing the freedom of speech.

If abortion clinics are free to advertise on campus, why should places that offer legitimate options other than abortion be banned? Pro-choice activists argue that women are intelligent beings, and that they should be trusted to make the right decision for themselves. If they really believe this, why are they so worried that these intelligent women might be misled by these advertisements? God forbid women consider any option other than abortion.

Crisis pregnancy centers give women facts about abortion that women need in order to make an informed decision. They offer these women help, no matter what decision they make. They offer them options by giving them the help they might need to support their child, if they decide to keep him, or provide them with adoptive services if they decide to have their child and give him up for adoption. They offer friendship and counseling in addition to service.

If these people were truly "pro-choice" and "pro-women," then they would be enthusiastically in favor of providing intelligent young women with the kind of help and information that they need to make the right decision for them, rather than vehemently trying to keep this valuable resource a secret.

Bridget Balch is a freshman.



Entertainment Bullet Points



Thursday, March 25

- Do your part and participate in the Red Cross Blood Drive in the Great Hall from 12pm to 6pm. Walk-ins are accepted, so just come over whenever you've got some free time and a desire to help people in need.
- The Like Whatvers, Red Satellite, and Olivia Mancini will all be playing at the Underground tonight at 8pm, so put on your best dancing shoes and get ready to use them.
- Cheap Seats presents: "It's Complicated" tonight at 7pm in Lee Hall 411. "It's Complicated" is about a couple reigniting their spark at their son's college graduation even though they're divorced and one is remarried. Ah, forbidden love.

Friday, March 26

- Cheap Seats presents: "Sherlock Holmes" at 7pm in Lee Hall 411 and "The Lovely Bones" at 10pm. "Sherlock Holmes" casts Robert Downey Jr. in the titular role, bringing a visceral swagger with him, and "The Lovely Bones" presents the story of a murdered girl who watches over her family and her killer as she struggles with forgiveness or vengeance.
- It's Game Night at the Underground at 9pm. Bring some friends, play some board games, and win some prizes!
- How much do you like to laugh? A lot? Good. Then go to The Undeniably Adjacent Improv Comedy Show at 8pm for the low, low price of free! In these tough economic times, you can't afford to miss a sale like this!
- Our own Women's Club Soccer will have their only home game of the semester tonight at 8pm at the campus soccer field against Georgetown University, so come out and support our girls!
- It's time for another Friday Night Dry! Come to the Great Hall from 9pm to 12am to enjoy cotton candy, win prizes, and just have some good, clean fun!

Monday, March 29

- So you think you're pretty smart, huh? Yeah? Well come prove it at Trivia Night at the Underground tonight at 8pm. Bring a friend, bring a date, bring a roommate and impress them all.



Actors rehearse for "Romeo and Juliet" courtesy of Geoff Greene

"Romeo and Juliet" Show Times

- April 1, 7:00 p.m.
- April 2-3, 8:00 p.m.
- April 8-10, 8:00 p.m.
- April 11, 2:00 p.m.
- April 15-17, 8:00 p.m.
- April 18, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

- Support the arts by going to the Faculty-Student Dance Show tonight at 7:30pm. Dances are choreographed by faculty, students, and alumni. For a dance show about life, love, and the creatures around us, it'll only cost \$2 at Dodd Auditorium.
- The Pat McGee Band is coming to the Underground tonight at 8pm in support of Relay for Life, but don't wait to buy a ticket! Tickets will be \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door, so move quickly and buy one (or more) from OSACCS.
- Cheap Seats presents: "The Lovely Bones" at 7pm and "Sherlock Holmes" at 10pm in Lee Hall 411. Remember to bring \$1 and

Sunday, March 28

- If you've always wanted to watch some real, honest-to-goodness synchronized swimming, come to the Goolrick Pool in the Fitness Center at 4:30pm to watch some very fluid routines.

Tuesday, March 30

- Steve Moakler, an acoustic pop/rock singer who recently put out the album "Faint Lights," will be stopping here to host an Open Mic Night at the Underground at 8pm.
- The next installment of the Great Lives lecture series will be led by Emily Yelin, author of "Our Mothers' War," and will discuss women's role in fighting and winning World War II.

Wednesday, March 31

- "B4." "Before what?" If you understood that joke, that probably means that you've either already been to Bingo Night at the Underground or really need to go. Luckily, tonight at 8pm, you can go relieve that joke over and over or learn what it means as you win prizes and have fun.

Send Bullet Points to d7gallagher@gmail.com

Top 5 Summer Music Festivals

By LANDON JAMES
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again to stop thinking about schoolwork and graduating and begin to focus on what your plans for the summer are going to be. Beaches and vacations can be fun, but the real excitement and entertainment is at the music festivals. Fortunately, you're in good hands and I have compiled a list of the top 5 music festivals to go to this summer.

1. All Good – Marvin's Mountaintop, WV

All Good is the place to be this summer if you good vibes and cool breezes. Located on Marvin's Mountaintop, All Good offers a cool, breezy setting for this summer's best lineup so far. FURTHER, featuring Phil Lesh and Bob Weir from the original Grateful Dead line-up, will be headlining along with Umphrey's McGee, Widespread Panic, Perpetual Groove, Yonder Mountain String Band, and George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic to name a few. However, one of the reasons All Good is at the top of our list, other than the line-up, is the fact that no artists or shows overlap playing times. This means you won't even have to choose between seeing Bob Weir and George Clinton. This summer, everything is All Good in West Virginia country. The goodness starts July 8-11 and 4-day passes are on sale starting at \$160.

2. Bonnaroo – Manchester, Tennessee

It's time to get down with your bad country self and head down to Tennessee for a music festival that has exploded in the past several years. Located on a beautiful 700-acre farm, Bonnaroo is the host to thousands and thousands of festival goers every summer. This summer, Dave Matthews Band, King of Leon, Stevie Wonder, Tenacious D and Weezer, to name a few, will be taking the stage. The Flaming Lips will be performing their version of Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon" the first night starting at midnight. Conan O'Brien will be collecting laughs at the comedy stage in the wake of his untimely fallout with NBC. Features of Bonnaroo include a 24-hour silent disco party located in Centeroo, the festival's center of activity. The festival is from June 10-13 and the only tickets available at this point are \$250.

3. Coachella – Coachella, California

Coachella has proven to have some of the largest names and line-ups of any other music festival across the nation. For this summer, some major artists include Jay-Z, Gorillaz, MGMT, Muse and even the ever-funky Sly Stone. Coachella oddities include a vintage-styled 1979 roller derby rink called Down and Derby located directly in the campsites! You and 12 friends or family members can also enter for a chance to be a DJ at Coachella. The only catch is your friends and family must run all the equipment themselves. There is an initial \$50 deposit for each DJ, but if the show is run 100% by your crew and it isn't a catastrophic disaster, then you get a full refund and complimentary t-shirt for your fun. The festival is from April 17 - 18 and tickets are \$269. So get your tickets and plane rides scheduled soon so you don't miss out on the fun!

4. New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival – New Orleans, Louisiana

It's getting close to that time of year where the Big Easy has a festival that lives up to its name. Venture down to the bayou to get a glimpse at the likes of Simon and Garfunkel, The Black Crowes, Lionel Richie, My Morning Jacket, The Allman Brothers, Anita Baker, Elvis Costello and the Sugarcanes, Gov't Mule, Aretha Franklin, Pearl Jam, Jeff Beck and B.B. King to name a very few. The festival is from April 23 to May 2 and tickets are \$60 at the gate for each day of festivities. So grab a catfish po boy and head down to the Fair Grounds Race Course to get in touch with your jazz self.

5. FloydFest – Floyd, Virginia

Just in case you don't feel like driving too far for your music this summer, Virginia has something of its own to offer. Tucked away in the small country town of Floyd, Virginia, FloydFest will be featuring The Band's Levon Helm, Railroad Earth, JJ Grey and Mofro, and Grammy-nominated Adrienne Young will be some of the eclectic and energetic music coming to the small folk-laden town. Floyd will be



bustling from July 22-25 and tickets range from \$45 to \$145 for the four-day weekend pass. FloydFest doesn't have the largest names, yet, for Virginia, it is more than enough to make the

sleepy town of Floyd wake up for some good folk vibes.

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Entertainment

Klein Theatre Reopens With 'Romeo and Juliet' Next Week

By DAVID GALLAGHER
Entertainment Editor

Next week marks the return of the UMW Theatre department to Klein Auditorium. The department will be christening the renovated theatre with a large performance of William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." The play will run for three weeks, with a total of 11 performances between April 1 and April 18. See the Bullet Points for performance details.

The play, directed by theatre department head Greg Stull, is the first play at Klein Theatre of the 2009/2010 season. After close to a year of renovation, the theatre has been equipped with brand new light and sound systems as well as a refurbished seating area. With fewer performances this year due to the renovation, the "Romeo and Juliet" budget was substantially higher than most productions at Klein Theatre.

Most recently remembered in films such as "Romeo + Juliet" and Academy Award winner for best picture "Shakespeare in Love," the well-known story of star-crossed lovers has been read and enjoyed by thousands of 9th-graders across the country.

The "Romeo and Juliet" cast has been rehearsing since September of last year. The UMW production will star freshman Bess Ten Eyck and junior Faqir Qarghah as Romeo and Juliet, with a supporting cast of junior Cameron Doucette as Tybalt, senior Landon Randolph as Benvolio, senior Paul Morris as Mercutio, junior Cassandra Lewis as Lady Capulet and junior Bethany Farrell as Lady Montague.

The set has been under construction since early this semester. Due to the renovations in Klein Auditorium, the department scene shop was moved to



Junior Faqir Qarghah and freshman Bess Ten Eyck as star-crossed lovers on the set in Klein Theatre.

courtesy of Geoff Greene

the university physical plant behind the Battleground Athletic Complex.

Instead of building and assembling the set just feet from the Klein stage, the entire set was built, assembled, disassembled and trucked over a mile to

DuPont Hall.

The set, designed by Associate Professor Julie Hodge, is based on English and Italian design. "We combined renaissance Italy with the fact that it's an English play. Inspiration from the

[Shakespeare's] Globe Theater combined with Italianate architecture," said Hodge, as she frantically sewed together pieces of the backdrop curtain.

Tickets are \$14 for general admis-

sion and \$12 for students and senior citizens. For further information, call the Klein Theatre Box Office at (540) 654-1111.

Local Band 'Green Boys' Debut Album a Polished Work

By AARON RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

Local alt-country band The Green Boys will release their first CD at a free show at Bistro Bethem Friday, April 2. The band has been playing almost constantly since forming as a duo in 2007. In the intervening three years, they have added two members to their line up and polished their repertoire to a glow.

The Green Boys are a true retro country band, utilizing a 4/4 bluegrass time signature, a stand-up bass and the slow whine of the dobro. Singer Ryan Green's high, nasal voice is reminiscent of a more upbeat Hank Williams. While the band utilizes traditional country music time signatures and instruments, their songs have a folksy, simple quality. The band never deviates from guitar, bass, dobro and drums, keeping the songs tight and catchy.

The band sticks to traditional country music and folk lyrical content. The lyrical content of the album sticks to traditional country themes, from the opening track "Stop My Roam," to "Me and My Gal," the last track. "Stop My Roam" is about a man whose girl can't stop him from rambling. "Me and My Gal" is about honky tonks and the breakdown of romantic relationships.

The eight-track album captures the Green Boys at their absolute peak. Unlike most local bands' first-ever record, the Green Boys sound mature and sure footed on their first effort. The album sounds like it came from a big name recording studio, shedding the expected DIY feel of a locally-produced record.

The Green Boys' debut album is proof that the band has the chops to hang with the best. With polished lyrical and musical content and a studio polished album, the band has proved their more than just an open-mic bar band.



photo courtesy of The Green Boys

Ultimate Frisbee First 'Erectonals' Tournament This Weekend

By DAVID GALLAGHER
Entertainment Editor

The UMW Men's Ultimate Frisbee team will be hosting its first tournament (in recent times) this weekend. "Erectonals 2010" will be played at both the campus recreation turf fields and on the rugby field at the Battleground Complex. Games will be played Saturday and Sunday from about 9 a.m. to late afternoon. The pools consist of eight teams from around the Virginia and Washington D.C. area, including George Mason University and the College of William and Mary. A team of UMW alumni will also be playing.

For years, the mens ultimate team has been going to tournaments across the country, honing their skills and developing complex offensive and defensive strategies while learning to work as a team. Most recently, the team travelled to Statesboro, Ga and Charleston, Sc. While most of the sports at UMW are fairly boring to watch, Ultimate can, and usually is, one of the most entertaining sports out there.



courtesy of Keenan Uhl

Features



Photo Courtesy of Laura Allan

UMW student volunteer Laura Allan poses with children at the Olde Forge Junction Branch of the African Refugee Program.

Volunteering to Educate

Junior Nadine Zaatar Runs a Branch of the African Refugee Program that Works to Help Children in Their Community Stay Ahead in School.

By MELISSA MULLINAX
Staff Writer

Junior Nadine Zaatar grew up in Fairfax and goes to school here in Fredericksburg, but now she volunteers tutoring children from all over the world.

In February of last year her roommate approached her about the African Refugee Tutoring Program and she became aware of how she could play a role in supporting those in need.

The African Refugee Tutoring Program is supported by many local community organizations and churches. The main branches are Old Forge

Junction and Heritage Park and Fort Bragg.

When Zaatar came onto the scene, the previous coordinator of the Heritage Park section had recently resigned because of the heavy work load.

"It's a really tiny community center with no sponsorship and no funding. They live off the community," Zaatar said. "They need attention."

Sophomore Laura Allan became involved with the program by accident. As a freshman she signed up for a lot of clubs at Club Carnival but never heard back from any of them. In the spring, she received an email about the

program and began attending weekly meetings.

At UMW, students become involved with the African Refugee Program by volunteering with Community Outreach and Resources (COAR).

"It's called the African Refugee Program because the girl who started it noticed that Fredericksburg has a significant refugee population," Allan said.

Now Allan runs the Olde Forge Junction branch with other volunteers. They have about 15 third to fifth graders from the Olde Forge Junction community.

While many of them are refugees, they also come from immigrant families or otherwise underprivileged households.

Everyday after school the children take a bus to a local Baptist church. They have a full meal provided by the church, and then the tutors help the children with homework.

"You have to explain what science is before you can do the science homework," Allan said.

When she began working in the program, a lot of the kids were very new. "It's been really, really amazing

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VOX Hosts Assault Forum

By BRIAN DONOHUE
Staff Writer

Voices for Planned Parenthood (VOX), a sexual health and reproduction rights advocacy group held their second annual forum on sexual assault Tuesday evening. The forum began in a lecture format, moved to a question and answer session and then a short film.

According to the key speaker, Dr. Christopher Kilmartin, a UMW Psychology professor and gender specialist, said that the purpose of the forum is to "create a dialogue about a common problem on college campuses and motivate people to help." Kilmartin is also the 2007 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Gender Studies at the University of Klagenfurt.

"We want to overcome the social stigma, start the conversation, and educate people about sexual assault," Cara MacDonald, VOX president said. MacDonald also helped facilitate the forum.

Kilmartin claims that sexuality exists on a spectrum. The good end of the spectrum is represented by respectful, healthy sexual relationships and at the bad end of the spectrum is murder.

There is a line on this spectrum separating what is legal from what is not. According to Kilmartin, the problem with this is that too many people ask themselves how close they can come to this line without stepping over it. One of the biggest issues with this is what is and isn't consensual sex.

"If it's not consensual, it's not sex," Kilmartin said.

He went on to explain the "pathology of the part of the perpetrator", an idea that men who commit sexual crimes are fundamentally different

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Dining on a Dime

“Arroz Con Grandules”

By Krystle Goldsworth

Grandules, or pigeonpeas are a type of beans very similar to black-eyed-peas. This dish offers a taste of Puerto Rican heritage, straight from the source. The ingredient list is short and inexpensive, and the amount of culinary skill needed is low. This dish is well worth the extra effort, especially if you are looking for some ethnic flavor that has nothing to do with Chinese takeout or Taco Bell.

Ingredients:
1 Cubito de Res
Corn oil
Pork or ham
4 tablespoons of Sofrito
1 eight oz. can of Goya onion and garlic tomato sauce
1 can Grandules
2 cups medium grain white rice
1 ½ cups of water
1 Sobre de Sazon

Note: All of the foreign sounding ingredients can be found in the Latin section of a grocery store.



Krystle Goldsworth/Bullet

Directions:

1. Cut up the pork or ham into bite size pieces and fry lightly.
2. Using a thin, single layer of corn oil in a pot or skillet, add the can of Grandules, Sofrito, and Goya tomato sauce.
3. Mix well and let the mixture simmer for 5 minutes.
4. Add the rice, water, Sobre de Sazon, and Cubito de Res and cook with a tight fitting lid until the water is absorbed and the rice is soft (about 30 – 45 minutes)
5. Put stove on a low heat setting and cook for another 30 – 40 minutes until the rice is dry.
6. Throughout this whole process, you must stir everything regularly.
7. Traditionally, you are even supposed to eat the “crusty stuff” off the bottom of the pan.

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VOX Advocates Sexual Safety

By SARAH DENBY
Staff Writer

On Friday, March 19 free birth control was available on the UMW campus.

VOX, or Voices for Planned Parenthood, gave out free Plan B for Back Up Your Birth Control Day at the Student Health Center located in Lee Hall.

Levonorgestrel, which is commonly known as Plan B or the morning after pill, is taken by women after they have had unprotected sex or if their birth control has failed. A common misconception about Plan B, according to VOX president Cara MacDonald is that it is the abortion pill.

If taken within 72 hours after intercourse, Plan B will prevent a pregnancy from happening but it will not work if one is already pregnant.

Back Up Your Birth Control Day is just one of the few events that VOX has done in honor of Women's History Month. The club had a table at the nest with fliers, informing students about this and directing them to the Health Center to pick up a free Plan B if they were interested.

MacDonald, a junior got the idea to give out free Plan B after talking to a representative from Planned Parenthood who works directly with the club.

"I talked to her a while ago about doing something," MacDonald said. "She mentioned that other VOX clubs on other college campuses had done this and it was successful."

The club ended up receiving almost 200 samples of Levonorgestrel to give out.

"It's about a \$10,000 value that Planned Parenthood gave us," she said. "We are really grateful."



Photo Courtesy of Cara MacDonald

VOX president Cara MacDonald and Vice President Anna Halbrooks-Fulks with Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood.

You must be 17 or older to be able to purchase Plan B at a pharmacy. The pill can cost between \$55 to \$60 dollars without a prescription, and \$35 with one.

MacDonald said that some pharmacists at CVS and Giant have given people a difficult time when they went to purchase Plan B, sometimes even denying it to them.

She said that both boys and girls had come into the health center that day to pick up the pill.

"People were really excited about this," MacDonald said.

Junior and outreach coordinator Olivia Snider was surprised at how fast the Plan B was going.

"Within the first half-hour, 32 were gone," she said.

"At 12 p.m., we already had a line," MacDonald said, who handed out the free Plan B at the Health Center. By the end of the day, 151 samples had been handed out.

As a result of Back Up Your Birth Control Day, VOX received a lot of positive responses from students.

"The worst response that we would get was 'no thanks' and Plan B?"

VOX hosted a forum on Tuesday Discussing Sexual Assault.

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those who do not. He said that "very few men assault women, but the ones who do, do it over and over."

Kilmartin claimed that sexual assault is a societal problem and used a pyramid to illustrate how men are socialized to subjugate women and push the envelope in sexual interactions with them. At the top of the pyramid are the rapists. Below them are the direct facilitators of the rape. These would be the people who allow the crime to go unpunished by means of silence, bribery and lies to name a few methods. Below this are the standard barriers of culture like the hyper sexualization of women in American media and commercial outlets. Below this is the fundamental problem of American sexism.

"If we want to end this problem,

we have to erode the pyramid from the bottom up," said Kilmartin.

In a short question and answer session, one student asked how an individual could change a culture. To this Kilmartin replied, "We've got to speak up, and we need to be more aware of how we spend our money."

Kilmartin showed a short film that he wrote and helped to produce. The film was designed to promote sexual harassment awareness in the Army. The film was engaging, well made, and surprisingly funny.

Kilmartin also commented on the "stigmatization of men."

"One out of 50 adult males are in jail, which means that 49 out of 50 of us are not," he said. "I don't like male bashing, but I see where it comes from... Most men aren't violent people, but most violent people are men."

Haha," Schneider said.

VOX also has a condom grant from Trojan Condoms, in which the company gives the club 500 condoms per semester. Members of the clubs give them out at events, meetings, and their own parties.

MacDonald said that one of the main goals of the club is "to remove the stigma of sexual health."

Junior and Vice President of VOX Anna Halbrooks-Fulks agreed that the stigma is a big concern.

"I think sexual health is very stigmatized especially among teens and

young adults. We are trying to work against that," Halbrooks-Fulks said.

"We like to provide a comfortable environment so people can learn about sexual health. We aren't going to shame people, make judgments...we are trying to inform people" Schneider said.

Along with promoting the club, MacDonald also says that one of the other main goals of VOX is to provide service.

"We saved people a lot of money" MacDonald said.

Las Palmas Replaces University Café

By ASHLEY JACOBY
Staff Writer

Las Palmas Café opened last fall in downtown Fredericksburg.

Their clientele has grown steadily and recently, they moved their location to inhabit the building of the former University Café.

Jeanette Reyes-Soto, co-owner of Las Palmas, came to Fredericksburg to be closer to her family. Las Palmas is a family-run business and her husband Willie Soto co-owns the restaurant.

Because of Las Palmas' overwhelming popularity and success in Fredericksburg at their Caroline Street location, they outgrew their small restaurant, that was only blocks away from their current William St. site.

According to Reyes-Soto Las Palmas is the only Puerto Rican restaur-

rant in the DC, Maryland and Virginia region.

"We want to bring culture to Fredericksburg," she said.

University Café was known for their promotion of local artists by having their artwork on display in the cafe, and Las Palmas is following suit.

One can find bright and beautiful pieces of artwork on display throughout the restaurant from Puerto Rican artists and local artists that put together artwork with a specific Caribbean feel that matches the island theme that Las Palmas portrays.

"[The new artwork] brings a little bit of Puerto Rico to Fredericksburg," Reyes-Soto said. "All that's needed is a hammock and sand."

The well-known University Café couches are gone, and the new owners have many tables set up around

the restaurant, and a small stage to hold a band in the far corner.

The bar is set up in the same format as before, but it sparkles with a new coat of electric blue paint.

The owners of Las Palmas want to cater to the students of UMW by hosting a college night every Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

There will be a small cover, specialists on food, including wings, appetizers, and drinks, and fun music. Happy Hour (for those who are 21+) is also Wednesday but extends through Sunday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Las Palmas will have a dress code on these nights.

"We want to promote a classic college night," Reyes-Soto said.

Las Palmas will also host "Salsa Sabrosa Fridays." Salsa lessons will be provided for just \$5.

"I want people to enjoy themselves



Ashley Jacoby/Bullet

and learn about Puerto Rican culture," Reyes-Soto said.

University Café, although popular with students, went out of business in only a few months. Reyes-Soto is confident that with "strong customer

service and food," Las Palmas will not face the same fate.

"So far business is doing really well. We are very blessed," she said. "We are the only one of our kind which helps."



Photo Courtesy of Nadine Zataar

UMW junior Nadine Zataar with one of the students she tutors through the African Refugee Program.

Student Tutors Help Local Kids

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to see the progress. It's so difficult for them to come into a new country and environment. At first you can see that they really struggle, but all they really need is little encouragement," Allan said.

Zataar heads the section of the program that works with underprivileged children living in the Heritage Park community. Like the children Allan works with, many of them had been living in refugee camps in sub-Saharan Africa with their parents for years before coming to the United States. Many of the children were born in those camps. Many of their parents don't speak English.

A young boy Zataar met "couldn't even read a sentence" when she first began working in the program in February of 2009. "By September he could read an entire book to me and

didn't even stutter," Zataar said.

At first many of the refugee parents were hesitant to have their children work within the program. "We had to earn their trust," Zataar said. "And now we can fill the void where their parents can't always be there." The male volunteers play basketball with the boys and talk to them about growing up.

What started as just Zataar, her roommate and 40 community children have ballooned into 40 regular volunteers and the addition of the Fort Bragg community center. By April of 2009 the program had gained such a great reputation that it received the Outstanding Community Service Award from Mary Washington.

Zataar credits the program's success because of "such great support" from the students, Christina Eggenberger of OSACS and Dean Cedric

Rucker.

"For a while I was volunteering four days a week, two hours a day to ensure the program wouldn't fail. By September students wanted to get involved, and now the program is such a great success," Zataar said. The students are passing their SOLs and are proud of their schoolwork.

"I've gotten really attached to these kids. I feel like they're my own siblings sometimes," Zataar said. "Even the people only doing it for restitution have gotten so attached to the kids and they come every week now."

As the semester approaches its final weeks, Zataar will soon only have a year left at Mary Washington. "I really hope this program lasts after I'm gone," Zataar said. The needs of the Heritage Park, Fort Bragg and Old Forge Junction communities will not graduate with her.

WASHINGTON, DC

Obama Signs Much Debated Health Care Bill

President Obama signed the health bill into a law on Tuesday following the 219 to 212 votes in favor of the "sweeping overhaul of the U.S. health-care system." While some changes may take four years to be fully implemented into the health care system, many of the points Obama highlighted will go into effect this year. Many lawmakers were there to congratulate Obama on the historic occasion, including Vice President Joe Biden, who said, "Mr. President, you're the guy that made it happen. This is a big [expletive] deal." However, not all legislators are in favor of the new bill. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell spoke out on this, "Most Americans out there aren't celebrating today. They're dumbfounded by the fact that Congress just passed this 2,685-page monstrosity against their wishes," he said. In response to the bill, 14 Republican attorney generals have filed lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the law, including Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. The bill supporters also went through a period of uncertainty when Sen. Scott Brown was elected into office in January. However, in his speech on Tuesday Obama said, "I'm confident that you will like what you see: a common-sense approach that maintains the private insurance system but makes it work for everybody." (*The Washington Post*, March 23, 2010)

Nutritional Info Displayed on Menus Part of Health-care

While one of the more hidden areas of the healthcare legislation is already in effect in New York, calorie listings at big restaurant chains will soon appear on menus all over America. The changes can occur as soon as 2011. According to the law, if the restaurant has more than 20 locations, they must post their nutritional content on the in-restaurant and drive-thru menus. Many restaurant



chains were in support of this addition of information. "We have been strong advocates and supporters in trying to ensure this provision became law, and we are extremely pleased that it was signed into law today," Sue Hensley, a spokeswoman for the National Restaurant Association, said. The law requires the Food and Drug Administration to have guidelines for the information within a year, but will not be expected to post nutritional content for daily specials or limited time options. (*The New York Times*, March 24, 2010)

UNITED STATES

Oprah Settles Conflict Out of Court

In response to abuse complaints made against South African school headmistress Nomvuyo Mzamane, Oprah Winfrey made the potentially risky move of settling out of court. According to the court papers filed by Winfrey's lawyers, Mzamane neglected to hire an adequate amount of nurses to work at the school, instead resorting to untrained women to serve as dorm matrons. The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls opened in Johannesburg in January

2007. Mzamane claimed previously that Winfrey destroyed her reputation by accusing the headmistress of ignoring complaints made by the students. The school now has more than 300 students, and the joint statement made by Winfrey and Mzamane stated, "The two parties met woman to woman without their lawyers and are happy that they could resolve this dispute peacefully to their mutual satisfaction." (*The Guardian*, March 24, 2010)

CHINA

Google Stops Censorship, Challenges Government

Last Monday, Google announced that they were going to stop censoring on their Chinese website, stating that they were "well aware" that the Beijing government "could at any time block access to our services." This stand against the authoritarian rule in China has not been attempted in the past due to the economical opportunity with Chinese businesses. However, China is prepared to stand up against Google; since Monday's announcement Hong-Kong based Internet provider TOM Online stopped using Google as a search engine, and China Mobile and Unicom, two mainland mobile phone companies, have announced that they may not pursue deals with Google. The government has already begun to censor results in China on Google's Hong Kong-based Web site, so that users on the mainland are being redirected. Despite the backlash for Google, the California-based company maintains that the government censoring the Web site would be better than having to continue censoring themselves. (*The Washington Post*, March 24, 2010)

UMW Housing Comparable to Other State Universities

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Apartments or traditional housing because students must subscribe to a meal plan if living on-campus, thus the cost of a meal plan weighs in.

The 90 Block Plan is available to students living in the UMW Apartments, as well as Eagle Landing. This meal plan is the cheapest available for on-campus students at \$1,780 for the 2010-2011 school year. The cheapest meal plan for traditional housing (non-Eagle Landing and UMW Apartments) is the 150 Block Plan for \$3,196.

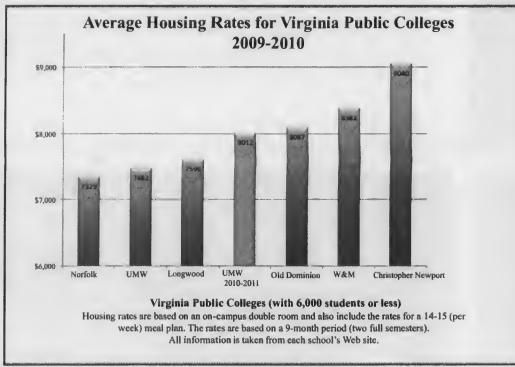
Because of this factor, traditional housing ends up costing more than a UMW Apartment or Eagle Landing.

Freshmen living on-campus must apply for the Super Meal Plan, the 275

Meal Plan or the 225 Meal Plan, which cost more than the others. This makes the cost of living more expensive for the incoming freshman class.

According to Kearny, living on-campus freshman year is simply a right of passage. When speaking about prices Kearny said, "I don't think that's the

point of housing. Freshman need the traditional housing experience, the responsibilities will prepare them to move on to the apartments or Eagle Village."



SACS Process Happens Once Every Ten Years

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tails new programs that the faculty would like to see implemented for the advancement of student learning. It includes newer programs introduced to the university and measures their success. Such programs would include freshman seminars and changes to general education requirements.

The UMW community can expect to know what the committees are doing every step of the way.

"This is an open and transparent process," O'Donnell said. "It does not work if people do not know what is happening."

Dr. Teresa Kennedy, chair of the English department, was the editor of the 2003 compliance report for which the university received a commendation from SACS. She finds that the QEP will help the university with planning processes since it evaluates what students need the most.

"Thirty years ago, academics would have turned up their noses at the idea of a professional education," Kennedy said. "But students will have an edge because of experience in their fields. Newer hires like Professor McCarthy...he is great because he understands journalism in a professional way. Students need that in today's universities."

Recent QEP reports by other colleges have addressed critical thinking abilities for graduates and revisions of

general education requirements. Duke University's recent plan focused on global awareness and found ways to improve education by how students interact with other cultures.

Student involvement in the accreditation will be limited to review. Some students will serve on subcommittees especially for divisions of UMW such as student affairs. The surveys given to seniors just before graduation about their opinion of the strengths and weaknesses of UMW will be considered when compiling the QEP.

Junior Katie Flench thinks UMW is running smoothly and has no cause for alarm during the reaffirmation.

"I am no professional when it comes to the matter, but I have been immensely impressed with my experience here at Mary Washington," Flench said. "The professors are highly qualified, and I am encouraged to work hard and bring my best to class each day. Even when the workload feels a bit overwhelming, it's well worth it and I couldn't be happier with the school I have chosen to be a part of."

After the compliance report and the QEP are submitted to SACS, an off-site peer review of the compliance report will be conducted by SACS in November 2012. The focused report, a reply to the off-site peer review report, will happen by Jan. 31, 2013. Finally, the on-site peer review by the SACS team will occur in March 2013.

Failure to be accredited is extremely rare. Schools are usually put on probation and asked to fix the problems preventing them from accreditation. An institution can fail to be accredited if its finances are not in adequate shape or if there was a failure to document that the school is meeting accreditation criteria.

Once stripped of accreditation, the school in question will most likely go out of business since they are no longer reputable and the government does not give financial aid to students attending a non-accredited school.

Southeastern University in Washington D.C. lost its accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in 2009 after operating for 130 years. The institution was financially unstable and losing enrollment and faculty. The *Washington Post* reported that only 14 percent of first-time students seeking bachelor's degrees graduated within six years. Also, the number of faculty members had dwindled to 10 for an institution with more than 30 academic programs.

"This is a serious process," O'Donnell said, "but it is not a scary process. It is an opportunity for us to demonstrate our strengths as well as our due diligence in finding areas where we can improve our strength. It is a challenge I am looking forward to."

Two Graduation Ceremonies in May

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mia, which falls under the responsibility of the provost.

This year, instead of joining the undergraduate and graduate ceremonies, the two will be held at different times. While the undergraduate students will graduate on May 8, the graduate students will have their commencement ceremony on Friday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m.

According to Harper, the change is for two reasons:

"By separating out the graduate students it will make the undergraduate ceremony proceed quicker," he said, acknowledging how hot students get while sitting in the black robes all afternoon.

The two ceremonies will also better highlight the individual importance of both the undergraduate and graduate students, rather than combining them.

As for the diplomas, many students have been worried that rather than receiving them during the ceremony they would be given blank sheets of paper instead.

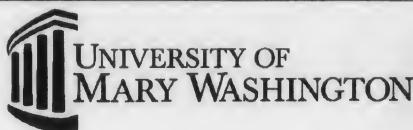
However, Harper explained that is not the case. Initially, instead of diplomas, seniors were going to receive invitations to the alumni center.

This would prevent diplomas from getting wet in case of rain, or being damaged during the ceremonial proceedings. However, the idea was quickly put down by the student body, who would rather receive the diploma right away.

"Other than that," Harper ensured, "things won't be much different this year."

Timeline for the SACS Reaccreditation Process

Timothy O'Donnell named SACS "Self Study" Director for compliance certification report	January 2010
Director becomes familiar with SACS "Principles of Accreditation" and review process	January-May 2010
UMW "Self Study" steering committee assembled	May 2010
Assistant Provost for Assessment joins steering committee	Summer 2010
Steering committee will compile data and reports on Institutional Effectiveness in response to SACS requirements	August 2010-May 2011
Orientation of leadership team by SACS. Director and leadership team attend session conducted by SACS on the second Monday in June	June 2011
Open hearings and drafts of compliance report available on Web site	September 2011-January 2012
UMW Compliance report edited and finalized	January 2012-August 2012
Compliance certification report due	September 2012
Off-site peer review of certification report conducted by SACS	November 2012
Focused report due (reply to the off-site peer review report)	January 2013
On-site peer review (by visiting SACS team)	March 2013



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The next few years of life have records lost.
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Sports

Men's Lacrosse Falls to Goucher

9-7 Loss To Hornets Halts Eagles' Four Game Winning Streak

By ANDREW ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

The UMW men's lacrosse team (4-3) came into Saturday's home matchup against the Goucher Gophers (4-2) riding an impressive four-game winning streak. The Eagles' wins came against Christopher Newport University, McDaniel College, College of Wooster and Randolph-Macon College.

"The four-game win streak then had our team feeling very confident. Coming into the Goucher game, we understood they were a very good team and that we needed to respect them as a talented group."

Goucher had been experiencing similar success because they were in the midst of a four-game winning streak of their own. There was no doubt that Saturday's game would be hard fought and competitive as both teams sought to continue their winning ways.

The game's scoring action began at the 10:51 mark in the first quarter, as UMW drew first blood when Meaney shot a goal into the back of the net on an extra man opportunity. The Gophers were not fazed as they responded by reeling off three consecutive goals between the 6:54 to 5:38 mark of the opening period.

However, the Eagles would not back down, as they finished the first with another goal from Meaney and one from freshman attacker Johnny Hink.

The scoring in the second quarter began quickly with an unassisted goal from the Gophers' Matt Lynch at the 13:20 mark. UMW countered with a goal from Deal off a Harry Snyder assist and a man up goal from freshman attacker Paul



Courtesy of Clint O'Brien

The Eagles outshot the Gophers 31-29, but UMW was not able to capitalize on their extra opportunities as they only mustered 7 goals in the defeat.

Tunick.

The Gophers added an unassisted goal from Rori Averett at 7:57 and UMW replied with an unassisted goal from Snyder at 5:33. Goucher closed out the quarter with two more goals and led the Eagles 7-6 at the half.

To the Eagles' dismay, the productive offensive scoring effort that they displayed in the first two quarters did not continue into the second half.

UMW was held scoreless in the third quarter and only mustered a single unassisted goal from Bowler late in the fourth.

"We had some great chances [in the second half] on the doorstep and either dropped passes or missed shots inside five yards," UMW Head Coach Kurt Glaeser said. "Part of that is inexperience, which leads to panic. We're good athletes for the most part, but we play out-of-control too often

in close games."

Just like the Eagles, Goucher struggled offensively in the second half. However, they were able to produce a goal in each quarter, and the left the Battlegrounds by adding another win to their resume with the final score being 9-7.

The Eagles' goal keeper, sophomore Matt Prin, finished the game with a solid performance in the cage making 11 saves. Furthermore, the Eagles controlled the face offs in the second half, led by senior Ryan Motyka, winning all five faces after intermission. Nevertheless, these contributions could not offset UMW's offensive draught and numerous turnovers that plagued them in the latter half of the game.

Yesterday UMW hosted a matchup against second-ranked Stevenson as they began Capital Athletic Conference play. The following Wednesday, UMW will play third-ranked Salisbury. Coach Glaeser described the next two games as a "gut check."

"We need to slow them down in order to keep them from scoring in transition," Deid said. "They have a lot of offensive fire power so we have to limit the amount of time they have the ball on O [offense]."

"If we can play more within ourselves and take care of the ball, we can give these ranked teams a good game," Glaeser said.

The Eagles are expected to have senior attacker Daniel Coats return to play this week after incurring a rib injury in February against Hampden-Sydney College. Coats has been a key component in the Eagles' offense during his career and led the team in total points as a sophomore. His return is good news for UMW with this tough stretch of games coming up.

Tiger Woods' Road To Redemption

By ZACH MORETTI
Staff Writer

Why? That was the question I continually asked after seeing Tiger Wood's controlled, five and a half minute interview with ESPN's Tom Rinaldi yesterday. If someone who has been under recent scrutiny is going to do an interview, it implies that person will answer some of the difficult questions that are floating around about them to clear the air and put it all in the past so they can move on.

But why would Woods agree to do an interview and then place time restrictions on that interview? Why would Tiger "allow" all questions to be in play, but when he didn't want to answer one, simply dodged it by saying, "That's a personal matter," which then forced Rinaldi to just move along because of the previously mentioned time restraints? Does Tiger really think that this will suffice?

All he did was run out there and repeat the



Courtesy of the Associated Press

Tiger Woods took a leave of absence from golf after reports of his infidelities came to light. Though Woods made a statement and did a couple of interviews, there are still many questions unanswered.

same company lines he said in his forced, awkward, and once again controlled statement back in February. Any of the gray area that people had questions about stayed just as gray following his ESPN interview, and I would argue it raises even more questions.

What does he still have to hide? To put it past him and get everyone off his case, he needs to just answer the tough questions that people want to know. You have to give people some answers, even if it's lies. But all this secretive nature only entices people to try and figure out the real Tiger story.

When Yankees' 3B Alex Rodriguez was accused of using steroids in Spring Training last year, he came out and had a real sit down interview where he answered questions from reporters for a good 20 to 25 minutes. That was truly a case where no questions were off limits and he answered things the best he could and appeared honest.

Did he muddle his steroid use and possibly hide how long he used PED's for? Probably. But he came out, took the media's shots, fessed up, and gave people some answers. And you know what happened? It all went away. A-Rod sat out a month with a hip injury; he came back and still hit 30 homers, drove in 100 runs, and then went on to win his first World Series title. This was less than a year ago, and it's already forgotten.

Now I know that Rodriguez cheated the sport of baseball while Tiger cheated on his wife, but the approach should be the same. Woods did a lot of things wrong in handling this matter, but he could have rectified things somewhat by coming out and being truthful. His statement in February where he only allowed certain reporters to be present and did not allow any questions to be asked was idiotic.

He was robotic and it showed him to be the same controlling jerk that he always was. And then it came out he was going to do an actual interview with ESPN, and it looked as though Woods had realized how

poorly his statement came off. He was going to do a real interview to clear the air, but then he botched it as well. You don't put time restraints on interviews and not answer the only real questions asked to you and expect to be forgiven. It just doesn't work like that.

I am of the thinking that Woods doesn't really owe people an explanation because this is his own personal life. However, Tiger said himself he owed people an apology because of all the people he let down by his actions, so don't they deserve the truth of what happened?

It's been said before, but Americans are a very forgiving people. We enjoy seeing a bounce back story where an athlete overcomes adversity and succeeds. I'm not sure how Tiger will be treated when he tees off at his first hole at the Masters in a few weeks, but I am fairly certain that if he is near the lead going into Sunday and makes a run that the same buzz that followed him before his golf hiatus will return.

I'm not saying Tiger won't return to prominence as the world's greatest golfer because I fully expect that to happen. But this regards his ability to regain his fan base, popularity, and his image. To accomplish those things Woods needs to quit hiding behind, "That's a personal matter."



Courtesy of the Associated Press

Tiger Woods announced last week that he would make his return to golf at the Masters in early February. Woods has won four Green Jackets, the last coming in 2005.

UMW Scoreboard

Men's Lacrosse: 1-0 (L 1-3, L 5-3 vs. Wesley College, W 14-2 vs. Bates College)

Women's Lacrosse: 0-2 (L 0-12, 0-1 vs. Lynchburg College)

Men's Lacrosse: 0-1 (L 7-9 vs. Goucher College)

Women's Lacrosse: 1-0 (W 19-8 vs. York College)

Men's Tennis: 1-1 (L 1-8 vs. North Carolina Wesleyan College, W 7-2 vs. Averett University)

Women's Tennis: 1-1 (L 1-8 vs. Johns Hopkins University, W 9-0 vs. Wesley College)

Men's Basketball: 1-0 (W 75-66 vs. Wesleyan University)

Women's Basketball: 1-0 (W 75-66 vs. Wesleyan University)

Men's Soccer: 1-0 (W 3-0 vs. Wesley College)

Women's Soccer: 1-0 (W 3-0 vs. Wesley College)

Men's Swimming: 1-0 (W 10-1 vs. Wesley College)

Women's Swimming: 1-0 (W 10-1 vs. Wesley College)

Men's Track & Field: 1-0 (W 10-1 vs. Wesley College)

Women's Track & Field: 1-0 (W 10-1 vs. Wesley College)

Sports

Swim Closes NCAA Championships

Mary Washington Had Six Swimmers Garner All-American Honors

By NICK NELSON
Staff Writer

With All-American performances from junior Sarah Crockett and the women's relay team, the University of Mary Washington swim team finished the NCAA Championships in Minneapolis, Minn., on March 19 in impressive fashion, with six All-American swimmers.

Crockett had an impressive individual performance, finishing 11th in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:04.64. The women finished 12th in the 400 relay with a time of 3:30.95, and joined senior Nina Sawyer, junior Adriana Lesiuk,

sophomore Megan DeSmit and freshman Cameron Figuers as the women's representation in the competition. The men's team sent junior Stephen Clendenin and freshman Nick Eckhoff to the Championships.

Other swimmers also had impressive individual showings, with Lesiuk finishing 30th in the 100-yard freestyle with a 52.76 time, Clendenin finishing 21st in the 200-yard backstroke at 1:51.91, and DeSmit taking 25th in the 200-yard breaststroke with a 2:25.38 time.

Overall, the women finished the Championships in 20th place with 62 points, while the

men placed 52nd, with two competitors, at five points.

The six All-Americans were Crockett, Sawyer, Lesiuk, Figuers, Clendenin, and DeSmit. This was DeSmit's first All-American award, while it was Crockett's sixth, Sawyer's fifth, Lesiuk's fourth, Figuers' third and Clendenin's second.

Coach Matt Sellman was impressed by the performances of his teams at the championships.

"We're all excited that we swam as well as we did," Sellman said. "We came out with six new All-Americans. Everybody's going to be able to put a feather in their cap."

Coming off of both teams' success at the Capital Athletic Conference championships, both squads were able to sweep to victory, and Crockett and Clendenin both won swimmer of the year awards. Sellman was also awarded Coach of the Year honor for both the men's and women's teams at the CAC championships. Eckhoff came home with this year's Rookie of the Year award.

Crockett had also won the 2008 Rookie of the Year award. Clendenin's trophy was his third in a row, having also won Rookie of the Year in 2008 as well as Swimmer of the Year in 2009.

Having completed the season, Sellman is now looking to focus on preparation for next year as well as off-season training.

"We're hoping to decompress and get away from the everyday rigors of the regular season," Sellman said. "They can condition in a way you can't in season. We had a fantastic year with incredible attitude and great work ethic. We're hoping to carry over that momentum and be con-

sistent with training and conditioning."

With all of this success, Sellman is confident in his team, but he knows there will be pressure heading into the 2010-2011 season.

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ital Athletic Conference championships] and improve on the national level. We all have very high expectations."

These high expectations come on the strength of the men's 10th straight CAC title and 16th overall, and the women's 20th straight. The women have won the Conference every year since their inclusion, and the squad has produced All-American swimmers 14 of the last 16 years.



Courtesy of Clint Often

Junior Stephen Clendenin finished 13th with a time of 1:52:49 in the men's 200 yard butterfly. Clendenin was one of six UMW swimmers to gain All-American honors.

Softball Drops Two At Lynchburg

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The University of Mary Washington's women's softball team lost both games of a double-header on Saturday at Lynchburg College. The Eagles were blown out 12-0 in the first game but were only narrowly defeated 1-0 in the second game.

The Hornets got on the board first in the opening game with an RBI single by freshman designated hitter Jenny Carroll. Lynchburg senior third baseman Rachel Gallagher added another run to the Hornets lead with an RBI double later in the inning.

UMW got a leadoff single from sophomore outfielder Amanda Adams in the second, but the Eagles couldn't drive her home to get on the board. In the home half of the second, Lynchburg exploded for seven runs to sufficiently end the game. The Hornets added three more runs in the shortened five-inning game to win a laugher over the Eagles, 12-0.

Mary Washington struggled in all facets of the opening game, as they gave up 12 runs, didn't get a run on the scoreboard themselves, and had three errors to boot. Adams and sophomore pitcher Elizabeth Crowe led the quiet offense as Adams went 2-2 and Crowe went 1-1 while adding a couple of walks in the defeat. However, Crowe's pitching performance was far less impressive, as she was hammered for nine runs (seven earned) on nine hits in 1.2 in-

nings of work.

Meanwhile, everyone was involved in the offensive onslaught for Lynchburg, as eight of their nine starters got at least one hit. Carroll and Gallagher led the way, as the two combined to go 5-6 with three runs scored and eight RBI.

The Eagles turned it around in the second game of the doubleheader and put up a much tougher fight, with freshman Annie Blaine pitching a marvelous six innings. Blaine allowed just one run on three hits and one walk while tallying five strikeouts in her six innings outing.

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"Annie did a phenomenal job of staying tough in the game," Crowe said. "We had a huge turnaround."

Unfortunately for Blaine, Lynchburg junior Caitlin Dolby was just a tad better as the Eagles couldn't scrape together a run and Blaine's great performance was all for naught. Dolby allowed just five hits and blanked UMW through seven innings of work, which marks the fifth time this season that the Eagles have failed to score a run in a game.

Blaine not only dominated on the mound but also led the team at the plate, as she was responsible for two of the Eagles five hits in the nightcap. Hornets' senior outfielder Lauren Dugay came up with the big RBI single in the third that ended up being the difference in the game.

"It was a night game and a day game; one good, one bad," Head Coach Dee Conway said. "In the first, we weren't hitting the ball well. We didn't put the hits back-to-back. That is our goal now in order to get more runs."

Despite failing to score, the UMW performance in game two was a big improvement from the first one. The Eagles actually out-hit Lynchburg 5-3, cut down their errors from three in the day game to just one in the night match, and obviously their pitching performance was a drastic improvement.

The Eagles played Shenandoah University yesterday at 3 p.m., but the game concluded too late to be recorded in this issue. Their next game



Courtesy of Clint Often

Freshman pitcher Annie Blaine pitched six strong innings in the night game, but it wasn't enough to avoid a 1-0 loss.

will be a road game this Saturday against York College at 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming Sporting Events

3/25

- Men's Tennis (Home) vs. University of Chicago (3:30 p.m.)

- Women's Tennis Fab Five Tournament (3/25 - 3/28)

- Softball @ Ithaca College (3 p.m.)

- Men's Tennis (Home) vs. Carnegie Mellon University (12 p.m.)

- Softball @ York College

- Women's Lacrosse (Home) vs. Stevenson University (1 p.m.)

3/28

- Softball @ Bridgewater Col-

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- Baseball @ Gallaudet University

3/30

- Softball (Home) vs. Christopher Newport University (3 p.m.)

3/31

- Baseball (Home) vs. Mary's College of Maryland

- Men's Tennis (Home) vs. Newport University (3 p.m.)

- Men's Soccer (Home) vs. Salisbury University (3 p.m.)